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NETWORKS TO INTERVIEW GAYS

The Boston gay community took a large step towards "legitimacy" in the eyes of mass media last week when representatives of a local broadcast group interviewed gay leaders on community problems and suggested solutions. The "ascertainment" interviews were made by RKO General (WNAC-TV, WRKO, WROR-FM) as part of license renewal requirements listed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Once every three years, all broadcast licenses in the country come up for review and renewal by the FCC. In Massachusetts, these licenses must be approved by January 1, 1975. The ascertainment interviews are conducted with a wide range of community leaders to get public input on the job a particular station is doing and (hopefully) help determine future local program and news policy.

It is significant that this is the first time that gay people have been interviewed with other groups in Boston. Interviews have already been held by RKO General

with Ellen B. Davis of the Gay Community News and Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action. Other names of gay leaders have been submitted to the stations for further interviews.

Upon learning of the RKO General interviews, Gay Media Action immediately contacted the other television stations in Boston, asking that gay people be included on their list of people to be ascertained. So far, WGBH-TV/FM has agreed to interview at least 5 gay leaders. GMA is awaiting word from WBZ-TV, WCVB, WLVI and WSBK. The group also expects to contact major radio stations in the area.

Since all Massachusetts stations are affected by license renewal, Gay Media Action urges gay organizations in other parts of the state to contact local stations and request interviews. If organizations experience difficulties or wish further information, they can contact Gay Media Action at Box 5000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

Open Access to Closet Space

"Closet Space," a weekly radio program produced by Gay Media Action, is now offering free air time for interested gay people. Three minutes of air time will be offered to anyone wishing to speak on matters of interest or concern to gay people in the Boston/Cambridge area.

Rules governing use of the three minutes are minimal and based on FCC regulations.

1—No inciting to riot against the government or any private or public enterprise.

2—No attacks against "private persons", people who have not spoken publicly on matters concerning the gay community. (Richard Nixon is a public person; your landlord is not.)

3—No obscenity or use of overt sexual language or description.

4—No specific requests for funds. You can ask people to contribute to the gay community; you may not solicit funds for one particular group.

In addition, all copy must be submitted to "Closet Space" in advance of the taping

date for approval. A taping date will be arranged and you will have the choice of recording the message yourself or having a "Closet Space" announcer read it for you. If a taping date must be cancelled, Gay Media Action should be given 48 hours notice or the air time will be forfeited. Finally, after a person is given air time, they will not be allowed open access again for six months.

Gay Media Action and the staff of "Closet Space" hopes this access feature will open up the program to more of the gay community. The content of the program is limited only by the input of gay people living in this area. It is hoped that views not previously expressed on "Closet Space" will be aired by new participants and that people in the community who have never participated in any media activity will feel free to take advantage of the air time.

"Closet Space" is broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:30 on WCAS, 740 AM. Copy for the access feature should be sent to Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139.

CABARET MANAGER ASSAULTED

Eddie Catino framed his words carefully. It was hard to talk with his jaws wired shut, but he had to get his feeling out. "The guys who jumped me are gay. They didn't know who I was but it doesn't matter. They were all gay."

Last week after a party at a friend's Eddie was heading home. At the traffic light at Commonwealth Avenue and Berkeley Street heading toward Storrow Drive a car with six guys stopped and one of them approached Eddie, propositioned him and then hit him with a hammer. Eddie got out of the car and was jumped by two others, beaten and left.

The driver of the car had the nerve or poor judgment to come into the Cabaret last Wednesday night where Eddie is manager and was immediately recognized and arrested.

Even before this incident the Cabaret had decided to clean house of all the straight element that has infiltrated in the

last few months. Now Eddie and his friends are even more determined to do so.

Eddie hastened to add that he had no prejudice against straight people if they behave themselves but the pimps, hustlers, pickpockets have to go. "No straights are coming into this club and hassling gays if we can prevent it," said one of the employees. "That thing that happened to Eddie was the last straw. Let them go to their own clubs. They got no business sight-seeing here."

Eddie had nothing but praise for the officers of police precinct four for both their prompt and efficient handling of the assault and their efforts to make the neighborhood safe for gays and straights alike.

Alarmed about this and other incidents some folk are talking about a "Lavender Patrol" to assist the police in preventing attacks on gays by anyone, straight or gay.

AMAZON CONCERT

Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition is sponsoring a concert by Meg Christian, feminist singer-songwriter from Washington, D.C., this Friday, July 12, at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, corner Charles & Mt. Vernon Sts.

Suggested donation is \$2 at the door. The concert will be the third in Boston for Ms. Christian, who appeared twice last spring at the Saints before capacity audiences.

Christian will perform her own and others' songs, with a lesbian-feminist bent, in two scheduled sets. Meg has recorded for Olivia Records, a Washington, D.C.-based women's record company. A 45 rpm—on which she sings "Lady"—is available now, and a long-playing album is in the works now.

The Meg Christian concert is second in a series of summer events sponsored by Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition, a national lesbian conference to take place this October over Columbus Day weekend. As its first sponsored activity, Conference 74 recently brought New York's Lavender Jane to Old West Church in an extremely well-received concert.

Other Conference-backed events now firmly scheduled are a bicycle workshop-picnic on the last Sunday in July, and performances by the Lesbian Science Fiction Liberation Theater Aug. 2-4. More activities are being planned, including dances, art and photography exhibits, Amazon games, and others. For further information,

contact Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition at Box 2000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

WARNING

Gays are still being arrested for activity in the Jordan Marsh men's rooms. Do not suppose that you are not under surveillance, no matter where you are or what you're doing. Jordan Marsh turns you over to the police; once you're caught there is no way out except through court appearance.

Our advice: stay away. Don't be another police statistic.

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Talking Politics

by David P. Brill

I had the distinct honor of attending a private reception for gubernatorial candidate Mike Dukakis last week. The attendees included journalist Al Lupo of *Real Paper* and *Boston Magazine* fame, a member of Mayor White's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, two Suffolk County Assistant District Attorneys, the Dedham Town Manager, and a smattering of cigar-smoking big-wigs from such diverse origins as the Democratic State Committee, the State House, General Electric, and Aetna Insurance Company. It was an interesting affair, and I'm glad that I went. We discussed a number of issues, and some of the topics covered would be of interest to the gay community.

Realism is often not a very tasteful subject to many people. To the people in South Boston it means integration, to President Nixon it means his Gallup unfavorability rating, and to gay people it means the tiny albeit potentially explosive spot that the issue of gay rights occupies in state politics. We would all like to see Mike Dukakis call a press conference tomorrow at the Parker House and give a two-hour speech on the rights of homosexuals, but by the same token, I think we would also like to see him elected Governor. We must realize of course that the gay issue is one that the next governor will have to face, but we must also realize that it is not a generally popular one. Neither is the abortion issue, or pornography. (note that all have to do with sex.)

Governors are elected by majorities, and majority issues like the economy, the elderly, and the environment (the three popular E's) are of more interest to most can-

didates, simply because they win more votes for them. Each of the candidates for governor must be elected in polling places across the state, and simply cannot appear like Barney Frank — allying with prostitutes, faggots, and dopesmokers — (as oversimplified as that may sound) because the electorate is simply too broad to allow it. Rep. Frank's district is a unique one, and he probably couldn't get away with a third of what he does now in any other district. But just because political figures like Dukakis don't stand up on the rooftops frothing at their mouths for gays like a Frank or a Noble, it does not mean that they don't or can't agree with them!! (Witness that we got 79 votes in the House for our legislation, but only seven representatives were willing to either sponsor or speak out in favor of the bills.)

Unlike some activists, I prefer the Trojan Horse style of politicking to Kamikaze campaigns. I firmly believe that the interests of gay people would be well-represented by Mike Dukakis, and that we must not let his new over-cautiousness dismay us. The governorship is a powerful office, but we must get our interests in there first, according to the Trojan Horse political theory. And we must avoid name-calling, just as we ask straights to avoid slandering us. I am referring in particular to a statement by a leader of the Worcester Gay Union recently, which led me to believe that he was lumping Dukakis in with members of the Boston City Council, whom he called "fascists." As a minority group, gay people must be concerned with images to some extent, and the one thing that we don't need is the image of being a collection of snippy youthful dissidents runi around calling every non-leftwing-radical a

fascist. And if you don't think images are important to the community, I guess you also see no need for gay rights legislation, or for that matter, even this newspaper.

At high levels, the most and best progress is frequently the quietest. (That is why Alfred, N.Y., has a new gay anti-discrimination ordinance, but New York City doesn't.) The North Dakota legislature revised their criminal code recently to remove all the sodomy laws from the books, and it was accomplished with any pressure or fanfare from the Fargo Faggot Club or the *Advocate* or the *Bismarck Daily News*. The friends of gays (knowingly or not) there were the lawyers and the citizens who knew that those laws belonged off the books, but also knew the realism of what any publicity would do to their efforts.

Mike Dukakis would be the highest-placed elected official in the state to be friendly to the gay cause, but he must get elected governor first, to help us. We must realize that any air of caution or even expediency that we may observe at the present time is only in our own best interests. I am convinced of this, having spent several hours with Mike, and his lieutenants. Mike would be our best governor, and we owe it to ourselves to ensure this election. He is not running \$500-a-plate dinners, but is working on a grass-roots campaign, and would appreciate help from anyone on any level. There are several things we can and should do.

Register to vote! Only about half the gay people I know are registered voters, and that is unfortunate. Make it your business to get to your City or Town Hall now, and register yourself to vote in the primary on Sept. 10. If you are not currently enrolled in either political party, you must declare yourself on Election Day at the polls as a Democrat in order to vote

for Dukakis. (If you so wish, you may have that designation removed the next day at City Hall.) Gay Republicans should change now in order to stop Quinn.

Offer your help! Visit or drop a postcard to the Dukakis Committee, 18 Tremont St., Boston 02108, and just say "I want to help, please contact me," and give your name, address, and phone number. It is an investment in your future. Mike wants help on the \$5 or the block party/neighborhood style leve, and is accepting invitations for house parties.

This could be the year for gay people, but we shouldn't try to claim credit for it unless we're willing to play a part in it. The Dukakis campaign is just one effort, but I think it's the most important one.

I plan to be attending another soiree soon with the Quinn forces. Although I doubt that I'll leave as enthused as I did this Dukakis event, I certainly try hard to raise a few eyebrows and tempers.

Ban on Nudes

Representatives of the Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown met with Provincetown police officials and representatives of the National Parks Commission. The latter groups have asked the assistance of the Homophile Assistance League in enabling them to curb nude sunbathing at the predominantly gay area of Herring Cove Beach.

There have been a number of complaints from family groups and others who drive past this area. The central dune area of this beach is not easily seen from the road, and is not as heavily patrolled as the beach area proper. The Park Service has made this request in order to eliminate the possibility of future arrests.

New England and other visiting gays are asked to check with the Homophile Assistance League upon their arrival in Provincetown, so they can be told of certain areas that are now not as open as they have been in the past.

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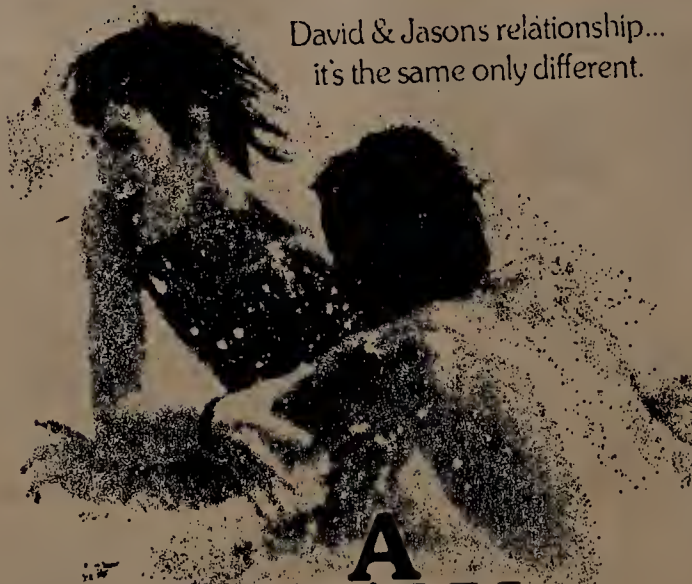
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Local luminaries featured include: Charley Shively on indiscriminate promiscuity, John Kyper and Steven Abbott on Donald Webster Cory, John Mitzel on John Horne Burns, Allen Young on gay identity, as well as other articles and/or poetry by Charley, John Wisners, Ron Schreiber, Stuart Byron, Tom Reeves, Sal Farinella, Larry Anderson, David Eberley, and doubtless one or two other locals I've inadvertently forgotten.

The issue will cost one dollar and will be available at HUB, HCHS, the Meeting-house Coffeehouse, and at newsstands around town.

Fag Rag's next adventure is going to be a poetry issue, due in August or September. Anyone with contributions, please send to Fag Rag, P.O. Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215.



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REACTIONS:

21st dance

cartoon

Dear Editor,

The following letter is addressed to whoever it was that sponsored the dance at the Charles Street Meetinghouse on Friday, June 21. The opinions expressed, although written by me, are those of almost every woman I spoke to at or after the dance . . .

Gay Pride Week, as I understood it, exists both to instill self-pride in all of us who are gay, and to demonstrate that pride to society as a whole. From this point of view, the dance . . . was a complete failure.

From its inception, the CSMH has been predominantly male-oriented, to which I have no particular objection. But that orientation was overwhelmingly evident at the dance, which was supposed to be for all of us, both women and men. The treatment of women at the door by the money collectors was outrageously bigoted and childish; on the dance floor we were stepped on, shoved, and often treated as if we did not belong there at all, and our few requests for songs or different types of music were totally ignored by the D.J.

Which leads to another sore point. The dance was a rip-off. A two dollar fee for a record hop, especially within a population as generally poor as we, is absurd . . .

. . . In short, I and most of my friends, were thoroughly disgusted by the June 21 dance. It was poorly organized and poorly advertised and was a decidedly poor representation of gay solidarity and concern for our sisters and brothers.

I only hope that the money earned went to a worthy cause, perhaps [someone] could tell us what that cause was.

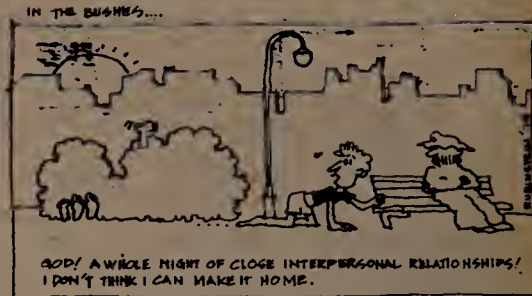
Sincerely,

and proudly gay,
Polly Huges



Due to space limitations, the Gay Community News cannot print all Letters to the Editor. The GCN reserves the right to edit all letters received. Because of the volume of letters, we ask that writers be as brief as possible, and we will try to print a wide variety of letters, covering all issues.

All letters must be signed and include the signer's address and telephone number before they can be considered for publication. This information is for verification purposes and will remain confidential, names being withheld at the writer's request.



To GCN,

In your June 29th issue you printed a cartoon captioned "In the Bushes" which offended me . . . This cartoon is a slur on gay people everywhere who are trying to erase the stereotyping and injustice done to us by . . . this kind of image. I do not consider making out in the bushes as close-interpersonal-relationship. There is a lot more to us relating than that. I am sick of being type cast as a sex maniac,

and to see you furthering this image is hurtful, unbelievable, and seemingly insensitive to what the gay community is about. I urge you to reconsider the printing of such objectifying and stereotyping material . . . in a paper specifically designed for a gay community which is trying to change its image to itself and to the general community.

Pat Tracey

transphobia

Dear Editor,

In this time of struggle against oppression, transsexuals are still being oppressed within the gay community. As a Lesbian and as a male-to-female transsexual, I feel an obligation to report a recent incident.

The other week there was concert presented by several women to raise funds for a Lesbian conference to be held this Fall. One of my friends, a male-to-female transsexual, asked very discreetly and politely in advance if she could attend the event, which was billed as being by and for women. She was informed that if she attended, a certain group would refuse to perform, because they " . . . simply don't perform for men." Rather than provoke a confrontation by trying to attend, she decided not to press the issue further.

I heard all this just as I was about to go in and hear the concert — and I am sure I would have been accepted just as any other Lesbian would have unless I had proclaimed my background. However, I decided to boycott the event for two reasons: (1) I am unwilling to play the old game of *closetry* and attend an event where I know I would be unwelcome if my whole identity were known; and (2) As a matter of principle, I will not subsidize bigotry by paying the admission fees for groups which practice anti-transsexual discrimination.

It is time for all gay people to come out against the oppression of transsexual and intersexual people, and to affirm a vision of liberation beyond the rigid patriarchal definitions of sex and gender. Until the lesbian movement takes an uncompromising stand on this issue, it can be revolutionary of Amazonian only in the most Pickwickian sense.

Yours truly,
Margo Schulter

Bibliography of Gay Paperbacks

This list was prepared by the Boston Gay Speakers' Bureau, P.O. Box 482, West Somerville, Mass. 02144 (547-1451) on June 1, 1974.

Copies of this sheet may be obtained at cost as long as the supply lasts from the Gay Speakers' Bureau. The cost is 2¢ each plus postage (10¢ per 10 copies).

One problem with gay bibliographies until recently has been that many books have been out of print, not at the local libraries, and/or available only in expensive hardback editions. This bibliography lists only books in paperback and in print as of June 1974. The books can be obtained through any bookstore or in some cases directly from the publisher (addresses are in BOOKS IN PRINT, a reference work in libraries and bookstores). A separate list of "gay-is-sick" books is included for those interested in the analysis of homophobia.

A comprehensive four-page bibliography of books, articles, pamphlets, periodicals, and audiovisuals is available for a stamped, self-addressed envelope from Barbara Gittings, Box 2383, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103 (5 cents per copy in bulk).

THE BOYS OF BOISE, 1966, John Gerassi. Collier, \$1.25. Reports on a witch hunt in Idaho in the mid fifties.

DR. KINSEY AND THE INSTITUTE FOR SEX RESEARCH, 1972, Wardell B. Pomeroy. Signet, \$1.95. By one who worked with him.

THE GAY CRUSADERS, 1972, Kay Tobin and Randy Wicker. Paperback, \$1.25. About the heroes and heroines of the movement.

THE GAY LIBERATION BOOK, 1972, ed. Len Richmond and Gary Noguerra. Ramparts, \$3.95. Anthology about gay men.

THE GAY MYSTIQUE: THE MYTH AND REALITY OF MALE HOMOSEXUALITY, 1972, Peter Fisher. Stein & Day. A personal view of the many aspects of male homosexuality.

THE GAY WORLD, 1968, Martin Hoffman. Bantam, \$1.95.

Classic report on the unhappy world of many gay men and the connection to society's views.

GREAT GAY IN THE MORNING!, 1972. The 25 to 6 Baking and Trucking Society. Times Change Press, \$1.75. By a commune of 5 gay men, 2 gay women.

HOMOSEXUAL: OPPRESSION AND LIBERALIZATION, 1971, Dennis Altman. Avon, \$1.65. Readably semi-sociology.

HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR AMONG MALES, 1967, Wainwright Churchill. Prism, \$2.45. A cross-cultural, cross-species study.

THE LESBIAN IN AMERICA, 1965, Donald Webster Cory. Macfadden, \$75. One of the first, not completely liberated but ahead of its time.

LESBIAN NATION, 1973, Jill Johnston. Touchstone, \$2.95. A radical view of the 'feminist solution'.

LESBIAN WOMAN, 1972, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. Bantam, \$1.50. By a lesbian couple in the movement for two decades.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD AND HE KNOWS I'M GAY, 1972, Troy Perry and Charles L. Lucas. Bantam, \$1.50. By the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (gay-oriented).

LOVE BETWEEN WOMEN, 1971, Charlotte Wolff. Harper Colophon, \$2.45. A psychiatrist reports her research on lesbians.

LOVING WOMEN/ LOVING MEN: GAY LIBERATION AND THE CHURCH, 1974, Sally Gearhart, William H. Johnson. Glide Publications.

MAURICE, 1971, E. E. Forester. Signet, \$1.50. Autobiographical fiction published after the author's death.

ON BEING DIFFERENT, 1971, Merle Miller. Popular Library, \$95. A noted author comes out.

OUT OF THE CLOSETS: VOICES OF GAY LIBERATION, 1972, Korla Jay and Allen Young. Quick Fox, Inc., distributors, \$3.95. An anthology of work by both women and men.

PATIENCE AND SARAH, 1969, Isobel Miller. Fowcett Crest, \$95. Modern fiction set in the 19th century.

PATTERNS OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, 1951, Clellon S. Ford and Frank A. Beach. Harper Colophon, \$2.45. A pioneering cross-species study of sexual behavior.

THE QUEEN'S VERNACULAR: A GAY LEXICON, 1972, Bruce Rodgers. Straight Arrow Press, \$3.50. Hundreds of slang terms you've never heard of, mostly male.

RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE, 1973, Rita Mae Brown. Daughters, Inc. \$3.00. Growing up a lesbian in America.

SAPPHO: A NEW TRANSLATION, Mory Barnard. Univ. of Calif. Press, \$1.25.

SAPPHO WAS A RIGHT-ON WOMAN, 1972, Sidney Abbott and Borbor Love. Stein and Day, \$1.95. A personal and political statement.

THE SAME SEX, 1969, ed. Ralph W. Weltge. Pilgrim Press, \$3.45. An anthology of favorable religious and other writing.

SCREENING THE SEXES: HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE MOVIES, 1972, Parker Tyler. Anchor, \$4.95.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND THE LAW, 1965, Samuel G. Kling. Pocket Books, \$95. Somewhat out of date, covers all states.

SEXUAL DEVIANCE, 1967, ed. John Gagnon and William Simon. Harper and Row, \$4.50.

SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL, 1972, George Weinberg. Anchor, \$1.95. A psychiatrist says homosexuality is not a sickness but a fear of it is.

THIS IS NOT FOR YOU, 1970, Jane Rule. Popular Library, \$95. Fiction.

WHAT EVERY HOMOSEXUAL KNOWS, 1965, R. O. Benson. Ace, \$1.25. Gives all the logical, rational arguments on our side.



The "Gay-is-sick" Books

CHANGING HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE MALE, 1970, Lawrence H. Hatterer. Delta, \$2.95.

FEMALE HOMOSEXUALITY: A PSYCHODYNAMIC STUDY OF LESBIANISM, 1954, Frank S. Caprio. Citadel, \$2.25.

GROWING UP STRAIGHT (what every thoughtful parent should know about homosexuality), 1968, Peter and Barbara Wyden. Signet, \$1.25.

HOMOSEXUALITY: A PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY OF MALE HOMOSEXUALS, 1962, Irving Bieber et al. Vintage, \$2.45.

HOMOSEXUALITY: DISEASE OR WAY OF LIFE?, 1965, Edmund Bergler. Collier, \$1.50.

THE OVERT HOMOSEXUAL, 1968, Charles W. Socarides. Curtis, \$1.25.

SOCIETY AND THE SEX VARIANT, 1955, George W. Henry. Collier, \$95.

STRAIGHT: A HETEROSEXUAL TALKS ABOUT HIS HOMOSEXUAL PAST, 1972, William Aaron. Bantam, \$1.50.

SOME GAY PERIODICALS

ADVOCATE Box 74695, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004 Biweekly \$4/13 issues (\$11 first class)

Sample 50c. The closest there is to a national gay newspaper

AMAZON QUARTERLY, 554 Valle Vista, Oakland, Calif. 94610 Quarterly. \$4/year (\$5 for plain wrapper) Sample \$1. A literary and arts journal for gay women

BODY POLITIC, 139 Seaton St., Toronto, Ontario M5A 2T2 Canada Bimonthly. \$3/year

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Putting together this listing of gay businesses for Connecticut and Rhode Island presented its special difficulties. The area seems to divide itself, first of all, into with-it enclaves around Hartford and collegiate Providence/New Haven, and up-tight rural and blue-collar places like Bridgeport and Pawtucket, where gay bars are inclined to be small, dusty, furtive, and hard to pin down. Bar-type information comes freely enough from the urban gays and the collegiate clubs, but the rest of the area is unorganized, silent, and unresponsive — especially as regards other gay services — plumbers, piano-teachers, potters, etc.

Further complicating things is the inevitable magnetism of the New York and Boston gay worlds for Rhode Island and Southern Connecticut gays. People naturally gravitate where they're welcomed most warmly. If you live in Kingston or Stamford you'll probably travel to the available city-type action rather than socialize at the down-

ATER HOURS ATTIC

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iera Lounge (formerly the 1492), 238 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Conn. 203-246-4874. ne claim the gay traffic has been diverted elsewhere, but our Conn. informant found this a od dance bar . . . young crowd." *Caveat bi-ntur*

RAND NEW BAR

The Brook, 919 E. State St., Westport, Conn. Exit 18, I-95) — Scheduled to open June 15. o cover charge or minimum. Dancing to a juk on occasional live band. No reports yet, of urse, but might as well give it a whirl, right?



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home hole-in-the-wall.

We're hoping, though, that this first, incomplete edition of the Cruise-Aider will scare up a few more shy birds from their leafy corners. If you're gay and in business, or if you know the area, gay-wise, please send us the coupon and help to publicize the areas, outside the urban/collegiate centers, where the most liberation needs to be done.

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Jonathan Cross
David Peterson
Editors, the Gay Cruise-Aider

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OASES

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Film Review

A Very Natural Thing

by A. Nolder Gay

I knew it was going to be a bad trip when the phone rang in the middle of my afternoon nap. It was "The Pub," who said, "Look, 'A Very Natural Thing' is opening in Boston on the 24th, and Jonathan's been in Europe and we can't send him to New York to review it in advance. You saw it when you went down for the parade, so why don't you review it for us?"

I can think of several reasons, including incompetence, and I'd almost rather substitute for Joe Namath than for Jonathan Cross. But I did indeed dance along five miles of New York streets to the tones of Sheri Barden's electric bullhorn ("the sweetest music this side of liberation"), and I did go down by train the day before to conserve my aging bod for the ordeal and to see "A Very Natural Thing." I'm glad I went. This first "post-liberationist" feature film is not a great film (overballyhooed in *After Dark*, I think), but it is a good one. It is good because it is well made technically (some sound problems), beautifully photographed (in color), realistically conceived, telling in its use of domestic detail, generally well acted, and more than ordinarily perceptive about human relationships in the gay world.

The story line is quite simple. David (Robert Joel) is an overly earnest young ex-monk who, having discovered he can't isolate his love of God from his love for men, leaves his monastery and finds a job as a teacher in New York City. He is picked up in a dance bar by a ruggedly handsome, self-centered Yale grad, Mark (Curt Gareth), a cynical bastard interested only



in good looks and good sex. Pressured by David's confining and naive ideal of a long-term relationship based essentially on a heterosexual model, Mark starts straying, to David's great distress. For a while, they try other expedients: the Fire Island botanical garden, an arranged group sex episode, separate tricking and, after David splits, the baths.

David, wholly alone, watches the 1973 Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day parade from the sidewalks. This gives producer-director Christopher Larkin the opportunity to insert cameo shots of participants expressing their feelings about themselves and gay lib, with marvelous

propagandistic effect. In Central Park David meets Jason (Bo White), a marcher; they talk, they walk, they go home to supper, and one thing leads to another. Jason has been married and has a child; a short scene with his ex-wife (Deborah Trowbridge) is tender and loving. David has learned some things about human relationships by now, and when Jason asks him to move in, declines the marriage model in favor of a more autonomous but genuinely caring liaison with him. The picture ends "in process"; a new order of relationship is building, indeed "a very natural thing," expressed metaphorically in a playful, vibrant nude run along the surf on a Truro beach.

Perhaps this scenario sounds too pat: pre-liberated sex bad, post good. But this is merely the thread on which hang other levels of meaning and action. The film is episodic, and at one level it is a panorama, lovingly photographed, of New York and the range of the gay male scene therein. At another level, it is a highly sensual love story (rated "R"), but I don't think a reasonable person could call it porno-

graphic. Nudity and indeed explicit sex are present, but never out of place or treated as an end in themselves. The contrast between this and the alleged "artistic breakthrough" male feature-length films of recent years such as "The Light From the Second Story Window" or "The Boys in the Sand" couldn't be more obvious. The mechanical sexual athletics of the latter group drive out all other values, including cinematic ones. In "A Very Natural Thing," the sexuality is merely an important part of a much larger value statement.

The film is equally far removed from "The Boys in the Band," which I saw in Boston a few days later. I left that film with a double Excedrin headache, product of my anger and frustration over the cruelty, the inhumanity of these alleged friends toward one another. The tension, the horrendousness of the stereotype, and its probable widespread influence upset me greatly. "The Boys" are not me, and they are not my friends. Larkin's film, by contrast, almost any gay male can identify with; it is about me, about my gay male friends, about your gay male friends, about real problems we face daily as we try to develop healthier, newer types of same-sex relationships. Without glossing over the rough spots, a filmmaker has finally dared to say with artistic and moral integrity, "Gay is indeed 'A Very Natural Thing'."

Older gay men and women will not see this film without some inner risk, for it will touch again those tender scars with which we have covered the wounds of many years, and regrets over what might-have-been will make the experience bitter-sweet. Yet it is time we shed that scar tissue, and I found the film curiously therapeutic in this regard. Younger gay women should see it, for although their struggle to be both woman and gay differs from the struggle of others to be both man and gay, we all need to understand as much as we can about how it feels to be the other. I hope it will be seen by a lot of straights, because it is such a positive affirmation of what it means to be gay and to love and to engage with the new and unknown. But most of all this is a picture for young male gays to see and to ponder. As a constructive, emancipating, identity-forming experience, one could scarcely ask for more.

"A Very Natural Thing" is more than just another flick. It is more than just another gay flick. It is an event.

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Random Reflections

by A. Nolder Gay

While walking along Charles Street I see signs commanding me to "Stop Rape!" My impulse is to respond, "I and my kind never started it!" But then I reflect that the common thread binding rape and violence and war and discrimination and the other demeaning hazards of life together is our common inability to relate to each other as fully human beings. The problem is not solely to plug the holes left in the wake of a brutalizing society, but also to address the problem of building a humane one.

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The opening under H.C.H.S. auspices of "Gay Health Night" at the Fenway Community Health Center is a welcome development. If VD is indeed a pandemic reality, so much the better to get it diagnosed and treated where one does not have the added burden of "coming out" to disapproving medics. Most such clinics might as well have the sign of Dante's *Inferno* over their doors: "All ye who enter here, leave hope behind." Now there is hope for Boston gays, and perhaps the more appropriate inscription would be a line from young James Boswell's London Journal (1762-1763) after his "fair Louisa" had dealt him his first bout with what he called "Signor Gonorrhoea" - "Can corruption lodge beneath so fair a form?" (You'd better believe it, Jimmy baby!)

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Our rhetoric is filled with what we will be able to do when the Day of Jubilee shall come, when all the laws will be changed, when every bond will be broken and all the oppressed go free. Yet in our darker moments we suspect that if the Millennium were to arrive tomorrow, the bitchy personalities we encounter all too frequently on the gay scene would still be bitchy, and the next Gay Pride meeting would feature the mutual trashing which seems sometimes to make today's gay ghetto the world's largest continuous garbage dump. We do not sufficiently cultivate the arts of asking life enjoyable for ourselves and others within the possibilities open to us now. We prate loudly of sisterhood and brotherhood, yet too often we cannot muster up even the minimum grace simply to be kind to one another.

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A young friend of mine stayed over one night recently; what sleep we got was in each other's arms in a single bed. The next night I lay in the same position, and could sense his vital presence in the same places, much as one is said to sense the presence of a limb after it has been amputated. Not the least of the miracles of fully and freely given affection is the stigmata it leaves imprinted on the fabric of our inner being.

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I caught the stage production of *Godspell* twice before it closed in Boston.

Knowing that most of the cast is gay en-

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hanced my appreciation of the stage action, the music and the message: "Who is my brother?" They came across as beautiful, free, loving, exuberantly joyful people, and the mood was one I would want to see us sustain more often as a gay community. "Come sing about love, that made

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11 thurs

There will be a picket line tonight at 7:30 at the Hynes Auditorium to protest the "New World" of Korean Guru Sung Myung Moon which excludes the gay lifestyle as a valid experience. Here's another chance to educate others and to prevent our people from becoming further demoralized.

12 fri

Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition is sponsoring a concert by Meg Christian, feminist singer-songwriter from Washington, D.C., at 8 pm tonight at Charles Street Meetinghouse Boston. Suggested donation is \$2. The concert will be the third in Boston for Christian, who appeared twice before the Saints last spring. It is the Amazon Expedition's second event supporting the national lesbian conference scheduled for next October.

13 sat

A *Plaza-Fest* will be held today at the Charles River Plaza, Cambridge St., Boston, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is jointly sponsored by Summerthing and Stone Soup Gallery. Any community groups or craftspeople interested in participating are asked to call either Brian Kileen at Summerthing, 227-5838, or Jack Powers of Stone Soup at 523-9481 for more information. This event, by the way, will be free of charge.

Active Gays will brunch today instead of last Saturday. Will be at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

14 sun

Gay Neighbors of Cambridge will meet and picnic today at 2 pm in Longfellow Park. The *Great Bastille Day Picnic* is for all gay women and men of Cambridge... this meeting comes about as a result of the four Cambridge Community Night meetings held on Wednesday, June 26 combined for concerted effort. The park is five blocks from Brattle Square, west out Mt. Auburn St., between Hawthorn and Willard Sts. Bring food (cooking not allowed at the park, though).



Rain date for this will be Sunday, July 21.

15 mon

To follow up events of this year's Gay Pride Week the Gay Switchboard group will have a meeting tonight at 8 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Energy is needed in the early stages of this effort — a gay crisis line/switchboard for Boston. We are looking for people to form a sharing, self-aware group to mobilize their energies, and others, for this project. For further information, call Paul Tellalian at 524-6417.

The joint issue of Rag Rag and Gay Sunshine has finally come out... see inside this issue for more information.

16 tues

DOB monthly business meeting at 7:30 pm, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323.

MCC will sponsor a talk by Mary McGrath of A.I.R. referral service, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, tonight at 7:30 in Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Topic for the evening will be *Gays and Alcoholism*. This session is for the education of non-alcoholics as well as for those who feel they may have a drinking problem.

18 thurs

The Gay United Fund group will meet tonight at 8 pm in the Charles Street Meetinghouse, to discuss further plans for the fund. There are an abundance of young men interested in working on this, and the call is hereby out for women and older gays to become involved. Show up!

20 sat

Dignity will hold a beach party today at Crane's Beach. Meet at 10 in the a.m. at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. It's a B.Y.O.L.

21 sun

Homophile Union of Boston will have an outing to Tanglewood today, consisting of music and a lunch on the lawn. Rides and riders should assemble at the HUB offices, 419 Boylston St., Boston, at 10 am for the 2:30 pm event. Persons planning to attend should call the HUB office, 536-6197, evenings for more information, and to straighten out the transportation. Call by Friday the 19th.

22 mon

Tonight's DOB topic Rap will have a *Health Care Night*: Speakers with slides from the Women's Community Health Center on women's health care and self-help will be featured. Presentation will include a self-examination demonstration. They ask a \$2 donation for the speculum and literature that they bring... If you don't have the donation, please come anyway; your health is too important to wait on money.

24 wed

GCN film benefit tonight at 6, 7:30 and 9 p.m. New England premiere of *A Very Natural Thing* at the Garden Cinema, 19 Arlington St., Boston. Tix will be \$3. at the door, all proceeds going to GCN. Come early as seating is limited.

Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

everyweek

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine
7:10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
7:30 pm—MCC Mid-week Encounter, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

8:00 pm—DOB Older Womens' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
7:30 pm—MCC Worcester Study Group, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester, Mass.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
1 am-5 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197
1:00-3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
1 am-5 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union radio program on WCUW-FM, 91.3 Mc.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—MCC Boston, hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3733
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
12M-3 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

MONDAYS

7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
8:00 pm—Daughters of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone referrals & info: 536-6197
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—Providence MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows at 8 p.m.

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Gay Academic Union
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of
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Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
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Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
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MCC Study Group of Worcester,
P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center,
N. Dartmouth 02747
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal
Sta., Worcester
Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St.,
Rm. 31, Worcester

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

(area 413)

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Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171
Hampshire College Gay Friends 452-4600x4882
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Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
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Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student
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P.O. Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service 274-4737
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